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RE: Project No.: R55, VP 0300

**Contamination of Westgate Trailer Park & King Acres Subdivision,
Greer, South Carolina/Exide Corporation**

Dear Mr. Aschwanden:

As indicated in our previous correspondence, of October and December 1999 and March 2000, we are inquiring as to the status of the final report which was drafted over two and a half years ago.

Please find enclosed a copy of a letter from Mr. Mike Norman of the EPA Region IV dated March 27, 2000 which indicates that the NEIC advised the final report would probably be complete within three months. We were advised via telephone on June 30, 2000 that the report would be complete in approximately 30 days. We would greatly appreciate you providing us with the status of the final report at your earliest convenience, or forwarding the final report to our office in the instance it has been completed.



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Subj: Exide Corporation - Exide Battery, Greer, South Carolina
National Enforcement Investigations Center (NEIC) Report

Dear Mr. Poliakoff:

EPA received your letter dated March 7, 2000, concerning the Exide Battery Site in Greer, South Carolina. The following information should help clarify the status of the NEIC report and its role in EPA's actions at this site.

The study conducted by NEIC was undertaken at the request of EPA Region 4's Air and Superfund programs in order to support EPA and/or State enforcement actions if needed, and to support EPA's cost recovery position for the 1994 Removal Action conducted in the trailer park. NEIC notified Region 4 by memorandum in April 1997 that it would undertake the study. Written summary updates were provided by NEIC in May 1998 and January of 1999. Since that time, EPA has reached a settlement with Exide Corporation regarding EPA's past response costs at the site, and the settlement is currently open for public comment. Because the study has fulfilled its intended purpose, once the settlement was reached, we advised NEIC that Region 4 no longer had need for a completed project. NEIC has indicated their desire to complete the project under its own funding. EPA expects to receive a copy of NEIC's final report when it becomes available. NEIC has advised us that they expect to complete their final report within the next three months. JUNE 27, 2000

We hope this information is useful to you. If you have any questions on this matter, please call me (404/562-8792) or Ralph Howard of my staff (404/562-8829), at any time.

Sincerely,

Mike Norman, Chief
South Carolina Remedial Section

cc: Reuben Bussey, EPA
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